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A party of fifteen Chinese, who were landed at Dover from the Galois mail steamer Euphrosine, have been refused admission into the country, under the Aliens Act, and were sent back to Calais on 29th ult. by the French mail steamer Fado-Calais.

The flat racing season at home has closed. The owner of Prince Palatine, Mr. E. Pilkington, headed the list of winning owners with £24,000, followed by Lord Derby and Mr. W. Raphael with £18,000 each, whilst Frank Wootton, with 118 victories, beat Master in the jacket "championship" by nine points. Jack George won 13 races during the season, valued at some £4,000.

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Hongkong, November 2, 1912.

of course the same bad effects. Still, on the whole, we think there is some justice in congratulating China upon her present position. She has had the good sense to appoint Foreign Advisers apparently with the sincere intention of following their advice. She has been able to maintain order, when trouble seemed to be imminent, as witness the smart—perhaps rather summary—decapitation of the three generals who were believed, on the excellent authority of General Li Yuan Hung, to be implicated in treachery. She has been, more or less, successful in borrowing money and almost equally successful in being officially recognised by the Powers. In our opinion, the one serious blot in China's administration has been her non-fulfilment of her obligations to other nations regarding opium. She has been singularly remiss regarding her honour in that respect; and we agree with the "Times" Peking correspondent that the Central Government do not appear to have much control over the Provinces so far as opium is concerned. We are inclined, however, to believe that pressure of the proper kind will soon bring the Government to deal with the Provinces as effectively in this matter as they have been doing with others. Though the progress has neither been striking nor rapid, still it has been satisfactory and we shall enter another year with the optimistic feelings that we have all along entertained for this old country.

The two other events to which we regard as forming part of the most outstanding events of the year were remarkable in the fact that they both involved the destiny of Turkey. The Italy-Turkey War was of little significance in itself as a world-movement; and to all appearance it does not much matter whether Tripoli is in the hands of the Italians or the Turks. The Balkan War is quite a different affair; and though we have no hesitation in waiving aside as being as foolish as most predictions the statement that it might lead to the so-called Armageddon, we of course believe that it might be the means of being much more serious than it is. A fact that apparently is forgotten by those who talk or write about an Armageddon as probable is this that there is no European Power to-day which does not thoroughly understand that, whether they lose or win, bankruptcy might easily fall to them rather than an indemnity. Though the Peace proceedings are moving slowly, we believe that the New Year will not have advanced far before the announcement will be made that peace has been proclaimed. This is a belief not a prediction; and we feel sure that it is the hope of all humane people.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

H. M. S. Sandpiper arrived here yesterday.

The direct landline from Nagasaki to Yokohama, being interrupted, telegrams for Yokohama are being transmitted via Tokyo. Heavy delay on telegrams for these two places is, therefore, unavoidable, states Mr. J. P. Janssen, Acting Superintendent of the C. N. Telegraph Co., in an express.

It appears that the Peak Hotel has made an important departure in the service of its guests. An up-to-date telephone system—the first of its kind in the Far East, it is stated,—has just been installed in Peak Hotel. Every room is provided with a telephone. "Boys" are no longer summoned by means of bells, but by telephone, thus ensuring prompt service. Every room is in communication with every other room in the hotel and with every department, and as at present there are six main lines connecting with the Telephone Company's system the resident at the hotel is able to communicate with any part of the Colony without loss of time. One hundred and twenty telephones have been placed in the hotel, and provision has been made for a possible increase of the number up to 160.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr. A. Gady, established second-class draughtsman at Chatham, has been transferred to Hongkong Naval Yard as inspector of shipwrights.

Four men were fined \$3 each by Mr. Hazland at the Magistrate's Court for causing an obstruction by pulling their boats up into Connaught Road West.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's staff dance takes place this evening at Kowloon Docks at 8.45 p.m. A launch will leave Blake Pier at 8.15 p.m.

A London paper states that Mr. Carnegie has offered to provide a pension of £5,000 for ex-Presidents of United States and the widows of Presidents and ex-Presidents.

We have been asked to state that booking for the Court Cards can be done to-morrow morning at Messrs. Moutrie and Co., and during the afternoon at the Hongkong Hotel.

The 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. complete their training at Sun Wai Camp to-day and return to barracks. The 28th Punjab go into camp at the same place to-day from Rennie's Mills.

The final of the billiard tournament at the Grand Hotel was played last night, when Mr. McLennan met Mr. Martin and beat him by a substantial margin. The first prize was a gold watch, and there are five other prizes.

A first class petty officer named John O'Neill was reported as missing from H.M.S. Minotaur on the 27th inst. His body was found last night floating in the harbour off the naval camp. The apparent cause of death was drowning.

Twenty-one men were brought before Mr. Hazland on a charge of using No. 1 Ng Fuk Lane as an opium den. Sergt. Adlington proved the case, and the first defendant for keeping the den was fined \$250. The remainder were fined \$2 each.

We would remind our readers that to-morrow the eighth Annual Children's Sports are to be held at the King's Park, Kowloon. In another part of this issue we print the programme. Further subscriptions we are told are necessary to cover the expenses.

At the Magistrate's Court this morning a Chinese was charged with being in possession of 2275 taels of opium. The seizure was made on the Pacific Mail steamer "Nile" yesterday morning. The opium was contained in 525 tins in a locker. The defendant was fined \$200, or in default three months' imprisonment.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Regby team were unsuccessful in their match against Haileybury Wanderers at Roushouse on Nov. 23. The latter rattled up points with comparative ease, seldom giving the Bankers a chance. The home team won in the end by 46 points to 6, their score including five goals and seven tries. The Charter Bank of India played a good game in their meeting with Guy's Hospital A, and had the best of matters throughout, winning ultimately by 8 points to nil.

Messrs Lloyd, Matheson and Carritt in their weekly ten report, dated December 5th, state with regard to the China market that the extremely low prices now ruling for good quality black leaf Congous has led to rather more business, a fair quantity having changed hands at \$4d. @ 54d. per lb. In finer sorts sales have taken place in Keemuns from 8d. @ 10d. per lb., showing a very easy market. Foochow.—Only a retail business is passing in Pan-yong and Soudong at unsatisfactory rates to importers.

The Filipinos of Hongkong observed the sixteenth anniversary of the death of Dr. Jose Rizal, the Filipino martyr, last night. There was dancing and a concert, and amongst those present were several English ladies. A regimental band provided the music. The following contributed to the musical programme: Messrs Dolores Rivero, Veronica Varela, and Nemes Mendoza. Messrs Danenberg, Emilio Vasquez, Hilario Castro, Rafael Mendoza, Crispin Cuencas, Antonio Larena, Juan F. Salazar, F. Gonzalez, P. Madariga, Alejandro Ranes, and Secundino Lopez.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Maitland of Shanghai are passengers for home by the "Kamo Maru," which arrived here from Shanghai to-day.

Mr. C. H. P. Hay, agent for the Union Insurance Society of Canton in Singapore, is a passenger by the "Kamo Maru" which arrived from the North to-day. Mr. Hay was for some time a resident here.

ARMED ROBBERY.

It was reported to the police this afternoon that at one o'clock to-day six armed robbers entered the ground floor of a house, No. 7 A, Chung Lane, a passage leading from Possession Street to Hollywood Road. They bound the inmates and got clear away with \$1,000 worth of property. The police are making inquiries.

CHEUNG CHAU PIRACY CASE.

Further evidence was taken to-day by Mr. Hazland in the Cheung Chau piracy case, in which two women and a man are charged with being concerned in this attack on Cheung Chau police station.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Yung Lum, a coffin maker at Lappa island, said a man came to him in August last and asked him to make two coffins. They were for adults, and witness had them sent to a junk which was lying opposite Macao. Witness superintended the removal of the bodies. One of the coffins cost \$30 and the other \$71.

A coffin carrier residing in Macao said that in August last he was engaged by the last witness with three other coolies to carry the bodies from the junk. One of the bodies had a bullet in the right side of the back. With regard to the second body, blood was flowing from the back. Both the bodies were covered with red blankets.

The case was further adjourned.

DISHONEST HOUSE BOY.

Before Mr. Melbourne this morning a youth was charged by Rev. Father Filastio of Pokfulam, with stealing from a desk in his house on September 18th last a sum of money amounting to \$1,100.

The defendant was arrested by Detective-Sergt. Grant in Hongkong on Christmas Eve. He had been employed as a servant by the priest, who said the boy was found to be "sitting at six o'clock in the morning. He should have had only 80 cents on him before he went away—the reverend gentleman having \$13 belonging to him. He could not understand where the boy could get money to send photographs to his family, or how he could buy a watch and send money to his home in Toulon. He thought he was correct to assume that the defendant was guilty of the theft of the money.

Detective-Sergt. Grant said there was a further charge against the defendant of having left his employment without giving notice. The Magistrate said he had no doubt that the defendant committed the theft, but there was not sufficient evidence to convict him. On the second charge, however, he would be fined \$50, or three months' hard labour.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon, when the chair was occupied by the President, Mr. D. W. Trahan. Other members present were the Hon. Mr. W. Chabman (Vice-President), the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. Chan Kai Ming, Col. Irwin, Mr. Ng Hon Tze, Dr. P. Clark (M.O.H.).

A letter was received from the Government intimating that as the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett had returned to the colony, he would resume his seat on the Sanitary Board.

The President recommended the following arrangements for leave during 1913: Insp. Reidie, twelve months from February 2; Insp. Watson, on the return of Insp. Knight, six months from July 10; Insp. McEwen, on return of Insp. Kellor, nine months from about July 10. The first two inspectors do not come under the free passage scheme.

The President had sent in a minute recommending the vacation leave of Inspectors Reidie, Watson, and McEwen, and stating the periods allotted.

The President wished the members a happy new year—a sentiment that was cordially reciprocated.

This was all the business.

THE COURT CARDS.

Hongkong is treated to many forms of entertainment during the winter season, but it is a long time since an opportunity has been afforded of hearing a programme such as that which will be presented this evening by the Court Cards. This talented company of entertainers has been on tour for five years during which period they have travelled 150,000 miles, visiting eleven countries. Everywhere they have gone their reception has been of the heartiest, and residents who book for the Theatre Royal this evening will do so with the certainty of spending a thoroughly enjoyable time. H. E. the Governor and Lady May have given their patronage.

THE FERRIS HARTMAN COMPANY.

The Ferris Hartman Company concluded their engagement on their present visit to Hongkong last night, when they presented "The Campus" at the Theatre Royal to a large audience. "The Campus" is a musical comedy of college life in America, and a good deal of rollicking fun was got out of its three acts by this versatile company last night. Mr. Ferris Hartman as Bismarck, the German janitor, made the most of the part, and his bright songs and crisp jokes went a long way towards the success of the comedy. Mr. Roscoe Arbuckle in the guise of a college student was a veritable lump of laughter. Mr. Walter de Leon, and Miss "Maggie" Davies were more delighted with their singing and dancing, and the other characters in the cast were very capable hands. A return visit by the Ferris Hartman Company will be welcomed with pleasure by lovers of this class of entertainment.

THE FULL COURT.

List of Appeals.

The ordinance re-constituting the Full Court comes into force to-morrow, and the first sitting will probably be on the following day. There are four appeals on the list to come before their Lordships, Mr. W. Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, Sir Haviland de Saumarez, Chief Justice of H.B.M. Supreme Court of China, and Mr. Justice Gompertz, Puisne Judge, who now constitute its members. They are as follows:—

Kan Yan Chi, defendant in an action brought by Kwok Siu Lau, plaintiff. Application for a judgment entered on November 19 to be reversed in so far as it directs that a lease dated March 1st, 1911, is null and void.

Li Yu Lung and Li Chung Lun, plaintiffs in the original action, appeal against a judgment entered on June 1st in favour of Li Tsé Shi.

Hung Kwai Ching, the unsuccessful plaintiff in an action against Lo Sut Po, appeals against a judgment dated October 19.

There is also an appeal filed in the Zoroastrian Charitable case. The appellant is Hormasjee Kalkharoo Frami, and the respondents Mervanji Pallonji Talati, Dinshaw Karasjee Sohmia, and Arsoohi Byramji Avastia. The appeal is against a judgment of Mr. Justice Gompertz, in so far as it purports to answer the first, second, third, seventh and eighth questions cited on the original summons dated September 24, and the additional question raised by counsel at the hearing.

THE OPIUM TRADE.

A Critical Time.

The past year has been full of difficulty for the opium dealers, and at its close their position is more critical than ever. Merchants find themselves with large stocks, representing very large expenditure, of which they see absolutely no chance of disposing, and are thus faced with the prospect of enormous losses. Since the establishment of the Chinese Republic government officials, carried away by their desire for reform, or actuated perhaps in many instances by ulterior motives, have steadily closed the door of China to foreign imports of the drug, while sales by the Indian Government have not diminished. China's action in so suddenly and forcibly stopping importation is in direct contravention of her treaty obligations, and the merchants of India and China are loud in their protests against the inaction of the British Government in the matter.

The Bombay merchants, three at least of whom have branches locally, have taken united action in addressing to the Viceroy of India a petition citing their grievances and calling upon him to take action to remedy them. The document is an interesting one, and summarises the position of affairs very clearly and concisely.

It is the agreement between China and England of May 8, 1911, which has been chiefly disregarded by the former government. It provided that China should diminish annually for seven years the production of opium in China in the same proportion as the export from India was diminished; that the export from India should cease in less than seven years if clear indication were given of the production of native opium in China had ceased; that "Indian opium should not be conveyed to any Province of China in which the cultivation and import of the native drug had been effectively suppressed." Other stipulations were that the Chinese Government should levy a uniform tax on all opium grown within the Empire; the British Government consenting to raise the import duty on Indian opium to 1500 a chest; and the withdrawal of all restrictions placed on the sale of Indian opium by the Chinese provincial authorities.

The Indian merchants naturally thought they could rely upon the British Government and the Government of India to see that the articles of the agreement were carried out, and the feeling of security was engendered assisted by the system of issuing certificates for the sale of all opium intended for China which the Indian authorities adopted, led to a big rise in the price of the drug and to the purchase of very large stocks by the Indian merchants.

That the confidence of the merchants in both the Indian and British Governments was misplaced has been amply demonstrated recently. China has been allowed to commit the most flagrant breaches of the 1911 agreement. Foreign merchants, have been harassed in every way; in at least one instance their stocks have been burnt; they have been subjected to unfair competition from smuggled opium; the importation of which the Chinese authorities have taken no effective steps to check; and now, by an order issued a few days ago, the sale of the drug is to be absolutely prohibited in Canton. The merchants, therefore, have left on their hands large stocks of which they see no means of disposing.

The Bombay dealers have repeatedly requested the Indian authorities to restrict the sale of Indian opium, but in every case have met with refusal, and now they are making what seems a very desperate appeal to the Government, in which they state that if the Government is unable to enforce the agreement, they will be obliged to take back their stocks, recently made by purchase, and sell them at a loss. It is interesting to see what reply the Government will give.

SILK TRADE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1912.

The market up to China New Year remained quiet owing to the upward tendency of Exchange, and the high prices asked here, but on resuming after the Native Holidays an advance of \$30/47 was asked. Exchange, however, commenced to fall and demand improved, with the result that a fairly active business continued up to the end of the season—30th April—and only about 500 of old season's cargo was carried over into the new campaign.

The new season opened with first cast values about 8% lower than last year, but the higher exchange rendered laid down costs, in most cases, slightly more. Closeable interest was taken in new silk by European markets; first cast prices declined about 4% towards the end of May and beginning of June, owing in a large measure to the advances in Exchange which has been a great hindrance to business throughout the year.

For the first six months of the year America has been only a small buyer. Manufacturers have not been largely supplied but they have been afraid of labour troubles, and the political outlook having been uncertain they remained conservative.

Owing to the partial failure of the 3rd and 4th crops, caused by heavy rains and floods, cocoon markets advanced about \$40, which naturally strengthened the position here, and a steady business was done with Europe up to the middle of September when Exchange again made an upward move which rendered laid down costs impracticable. For the last quarter of the year demand from the Continent has been very quiet but prices have kept fairly, stocks of these descriptions being only about 1000 bales.

American buyers kept quiet until the end of last quarter, when a considerable business was done owing to silk goods being in fashion, and manufacturers selling from stock at advancing prices. Orders for their Spring requirements were delayed on account of the Presidential Election, but there was faith in a good season. Towards the end of October, however, demand slackened off, owing partly to the rapid advance in prices, and partly to the political situation in Europe and America, which had the effect of arresting a further rise. Yokohama had also been a heavy buyer for the U.S., but values there had been pushed too high, so when the equity fell away that market declined 20/40 Yen, which had a bad effect on all consuming centres. This state of affairs has continued up to the middle of this last month and prices here show a decline of \$50/80, but considerably more orders have been forthcoming lately, and values are somewhat firmer. The consumption of the Raw Material in America is fair to good but the depression in Yokohama causes manufacturers to make very low offers. Had it not been for the disturbed conditions in Europe, we should have seen a good season both for Europe and America.

The yield of the various crops is estimated as follows:—

1st crop	6000b	against	6000b	last year
2nd crop	7000b	..	7000b	..
3rd crop	4000b	..	7000b	..
4th crop	6000b	..	6000b	..
5th crop	11000b	..	7000b	..
6th crop	6000b	..	5000b	..
7th crop	2000b	..	2000b	..
	42000b	..	37000b	..

The total Export to 31st December is 29,349 bales to Europe and 13,404 bales to America against 27,847 bales to Europe and 16,036 bales to America last year.

Waste Silk. A good business was done in the early part of the season but prices have since been pushed too high, and home spinners find they can fill their requirements to better advantage by buying in Japan.

The Total Export of Waste to 31st December is 17,616 bales to Europe and 8334 bales to America against 33,676 bales to Europe and 8377 bales to America last year.

A TRUCULENT SEAMAN.

Martin McDonald, an able seaman aboard the R.M.S. Empress of India was charged before the Marine Magistrate to-day with disobeying the commands of the master of the vessel, Mr. A. J. Halsey.

Herbert James, mate of the Empress of India, said he sent for the defendant and read to him an entry in the log referring to his absence without leave. Defendant then went forward, and the boatman afterwards reported that the defendant refused to "turn in." Witness again sent for him, and told him to work. He refused point blank, both to the master and to witness. The police were sent for and the man was arrested.

Defendant said he came on board 22 hours late. The Chief Officer sent for him and "lashed him for it." He was ordered by the Chief Officer to "turn in," and he said he would if he had any suitable place to stop in, and to go to.

The Magistrate ordered defendant to forfeit two days' pay, with four weeks' hard labour, on only the ship pulled the ropes of two, to be paid out of defendant's wages. A witness of something of a different nature was also presented, but the case was dismissed as it had already been dealt with by the master.

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THE WAR.

FIGHTING BETWEEN GREEKS AND TURKS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
A message from Athens states that fighting continues at Bizani, commanding the road to Janina. Several Turkish attacks on the Greek positions were repulsed.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Reuter learns that the Delegates of the Balkan States are of the opinion that Saturday's Conference weakened the original belief in Turkey's sincerity. It is now felt that Turkey is seeking to gain time in the hope of something turning up to her advantage. Some are convinced that the time has come for the Powers to speak plainly and end the tergiversation. There are hints that the Balkan States will issue an ultimatum if the Turks should prove uncompromising.

AMBASSADORS AND TURKEY.

Agitation in Turkish Army.

A telegram from Constantinople states that most of the Ambassadors have advised the Porte to endeavour to come to terms with the Balkan States. The Russian Ambassador's warning of the danger of delay has, owing to the situation in Asia Minor, disagreeably impressed official circles in view of the agitation in the Army, which, it is believed, is being fostered by the Committee of Union and Progress in favour of the resumption of hostilities.

WHAT ALBANIA WANTS.

Albanian circles disapprove of the Turkish idea of an Ottoman prince for Albania. They want a European with European advisers.

TURKS WANT MORE THAN THEY EXPECT TO GET.

The Turkish Delegates, interviewed by Reuter, admitted that the counter-proposals submitted to the Conference on Saturday embody more than they expected to get, but they are only following the example set by the Allies. The Turks remain apparently adamant on the subject of Adrianople, which they declare to be indispensable to the security of Constantinople and European Turkey. Nevertheless, despite the Turks' outward firmness, it is expected they will submit an amended scheme on Monday on which it will be possible to negotiate.

LATEST MOVE OF THE TURKS.

A message from Constantinople says that as a result of a prolonged Council of Ministers instructions have been sent to the delegates in London to propose a reference of all differences to a Conference of Ambassadors.

THE TURKS AND ADRIANOPLE.

A semi-official Note was issued at the conclusion of the Council to the effect that while Turkey was animated with a conciliatory spirit and was desirous of the success of the negotiations she can in no circumstances assent to the cession of Adrianople.

THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

The Peace Conference re-assembled today, Dr. Danoff presiding. The Turkish delegates stated that their instructions were still incomplete and that further reference to Constantinople would be necessary. The sitting was accordingly adjourned till Wednesday. The attitude of both sides concerning the future of Adrianople is still most determined. The Balkan delegates, in an interview with Reuter's correspondent, said the Turkish delegates announced at the Conference that in the opinion of the Powers the majority of the questions in dispute should be submitted to the Powers with the exception of that affecting the Turco-Bulgarian frontier, which should be settled between Turkey and Bulgaria.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 30.
The death is reported of Mr. Bowdler, a noted taxidermist.

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THE SIX POWER LOAN.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
The Hon. Mr. A. D. Acland, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question put in the House of Commons by Mr. Ginnell, M. P., said he was unable to give details of the arrangements made between the five banks forming the British section of the Six Power Loan group regarding the division of profits.
Mr. Ginnell asked what interest Russia had in the Group seeing that the Russian section was composed of non-Russian firms?
Mr. Acland replied that it was for Russia to decide whether she was satisfied that the Russian section was representative of Russian interest.

VICEROY OF INDIA.

OUT OF DANGER.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
Reuter's Delhi correspondent telegraphs that the Viceroy is now out of danger though his wounds will take a considerable time to heal.

IRISH HOME RULE.

AMENDMENT TO EXCLUDE ULSTER.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
The Unionist members of the Irish party in the House of Commons have written to Mr. Asquith notifying him of their intention to move an amendment to the Home Rule Bill excluding Ulster from its provisions.
They state that though Ulster's exclusion would not reconcile them to the Bill and they approve of Ulster's determination to refuse to submit to the government which it is proposed to establish, they consider it their duty to do their utmost to avert the grave mischief which is threatened. They appeal to the Liberal Party to uphold its traditions of liberty and justice and to give their proposal earnest consideration.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A GERMAN STATESMAN.

LONDON, Dec. 30.
A telegram from Stuttgart states that Count von Kiderlin-Waechter, German Minister for Foreign Affairs, is dead.

[Note.—A writer in the "Daily Mail Year Book" states that the Count was called to the helm of the German Foreign Office in the summer of 1910, when his advent on the scene of contemporary diplomacy was hailed as the arrival of a new force in Europe. His death at the present crucial time is greatly to be deplored, for he was regarded as an expert of "New Diplomacy" in those regions as did the Count. Though his diplomatic record reveals his almost invariable hostility to British interests, he asserted himself early this year as distinctly opposed to the policy of increasing the naval armaments at the cost of aggravating relations with Great Britain. He allied himself boldly with those who combated the advocates of Germany's limitless naval expansion.
Count von Kiderlin-Waechter, who was 60 years of age, had had the usual diplomatic career up to the time he was appointed to be Foreign Secretary, serving as attaché and secretary at important capitals like Paris, St. Petersburg, and Constantinople prior to his first Ministerial post at Copenhagen.—Ed. C. M.]

ON CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Count von Kiderlin-Waechter had been spending Christmas with his sister, and had been ill for some days with heart trouble.

THE THAMES VALLEY FLOODED.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
There have been continued rain storms, and the floods in the Thames Valley are assuming alarming proportions, a thousand acres being under water.

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CHINESE NEWS.

PEKING, Dec. 30.

The Six Nation Loan agreement will be signed on January 5, and \$20,000,000 will be handed over as the first instalment.
It is stated that Yau Wai Ching, Secretary of the Foreign Department, will be appointed Chinese Minister in Berlin.

The Russian Minister has protested strongly against the granting of an extension of time to China for the repayment of the instalment of the Boxer Indemnity now coming due, and he and the other Ministers have jointly replied refusing China's request.
The President has submitted to the Cabinet a Scheme for the establishment of Chinese Legations in Mexico, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

EXTENSION BY AMERICA AND FRANCE.

PEKING, Dec. 31.
The American and the French Ministers have agreed to an extension of the payment of the Boxer Indemnity.

THE MONGOLIAN QUESTION.

FIGHTING NEAR JEHOL.

PEKING, Dec. 31.
The Governor of Jehol has reported that Mongolian bandits who entered the Chinese territory were repulsed.
A Division of soldiers has been despatched North by the War Department.

THE U.S. DYNAMITERS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
A telegram from Indianapolis states that Ryan, who was President of the Ironworkers' Union and ringleader of the dynamiting conspiracy, has been sentenced to seven years' penal servitude, while thirty-one others received terms ranging from six to one year. Sentences were reserved in the remaining cases.

DOMINIONS AND IMPERIAL COUNCILS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that Mr. L. Harcourt, Colonial Secretary, recently sent a dispatch to the Dominions with reference to their representations to be admitted to the Councils of the Empire, and he hoped shortly to be able to make a statement on the matter.

REVIEW.

THE STUDIO.

The Studio for November is a notable number, full of articles and illustrations of interest to the lover of art. Dr. Axel Gauthier contributes an ably written notice of Anders Zorn's recent paintings and sculpture, the article being illustrated by ten reproductions, one of which, in colours, is of the artist's "Maiden on Christmas Day." Mr. Frank W. Gibson's notice of David Muirhead and his landscape and figure work is another interesting paper by George Brochner, who evidently approached his task with a wide knowledge of his subject. Mr. Joseph Pennell, who went out to study "The wonder of work" on the Panama Canal has written a most interesting article upon his experiences and impressions of this great engineering feat. In this article Mr. Pennell has shown that he is no less a master of the pen than of the pencil; his story is vivid and direct, and the lithographs which accompany it are quite in his best style. A notice of the inaugural exhibition at the New Grosvenor Gallery, Studio Talk, Art School Notes and the usual readable discourse by The Lay Figure will also be found in the number.

A FOLLOWER OF INFLUENZA.

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THE VALUE OF HONGKONG TO THE EMPIRE.

With reference to the reported intention of the Indian Princes to make a gift of a whole squadron of twelve warships to the Empire, a writer in the "London Evening News" recently stated:—

The greatness, the very existence even, of our Empire, depends on our retaining control of the highway of the East. It is easy to talk of our great Colonies, to open a map and gloat over huge blotches of red, South Africa, Australia, Canada. You can find them at once, put your finger on them, and point out to the bewildered foreigner how large a slice of the earth we own.

LITTLE RED DOTS.
But Singapore and Hongkong are not so obvious. They are more dots, really a few square miles, and to the average homesteading man they seem of little importance. How many thousands of Hongkongers would it take to fill up the great desert in the centre of the Australian continent?

It would be interesting to give that problem to a child to work out, but it would be even more interesting, far more practical, afterwards to drive home to that child the fact that Hongkong is the greatest port in the world, the brightest jewel in the British Crown, the clearing house of a hemisphere.
That tiny red dot on the China coast represents more in wealth to us than does the whole of the big red blotch which is marked "Australia."

We are proud of Australia, justly proud. It represents one of the achievements of our race; but there is no disguising the fact that it, to-morrow, Australia decided to break away and set up a king of its own, or a president, we should suffer very little material loss.

Our pride would be hurt. We should lose faith in the colonial system we have built up so patiently; but the pocket of the nation would not suffer, provided the new Power did not repudiate its financial obligations.

Australian trade would come to us still, because Australia wants to sell things which we are anxious to buy.

But if we lose Hongkong, London—a great part of London, at any rate—would find itself on the verge of bankruptcy.

A LONDON QUESTION.
The Far Eastern trade is one of the main factors, probably the main factor, in the business life of the City. The whole of the produce of Asia is dealt with in London. Even though a cargo of tea be destined to go to the United States, and eventually goes direct from Singapore to San Francisco, the deal is done in London, brokerage is paid in London, helping to pay the salaries of London clerks.

The Far Eastern trade is immense, overwhelming. And we do it all because we hold the command of the great trade route of the world, because Penang, and Aden, Colombo, Singapore, and Hongkong, the keys of the East, are ours.

That is the secret of our immense national wealth—we are the keepers of the world's great highway.

The Indian Princes realise that, hence the discussion of this magnificent offer of a great fleet. The offer is not mere generosity; it is the highest statesmanship. And it is also a stern and bitter rebuke to our provincialism.

Never again must we dare to question the patriotism, much less the wisdom, of the great Indian princes.

The scheme may come to nothing, or may be years in bearing fruit, but the lesson of it should remain.

THE PRIZE OF THE WORLD.

After all, the Far East is the Prize of the World. From the very dawn of international history the nations have coveted the East.

Alexander understood, as did all those other conquerors who followed his example—Genghis Khan, Timur, Mahmud, even.

The trade of the Far East was the lure which drew the early Portuguese explorers round the Cape of Good Hope. Prince Henry the Navigator knew how he could make his little country the most wealthy in the world.

Columbus went, not to discover the West Indies, but to find a new route along which the trade of the East might flow to Spain.

Napoleon went to Egypt, because, having the idea of a Suez Canal in his brain, Egypt seemed to him the one thing essential to secure the trade of the East to France.

We cannot drop this question now that it has been raised in this vivid manner, raised suddenly, emotionally perhaps, as is the way of Eastern peoples. The scheme may come to nothing, so far as the provision of the ships is concerned; but it is our duty to remember the lesson and the warning, and to stop at no sacrifice to maintain what we hold now.

After all, sacrifice is the wrong word. A permanent fleet guarding the Highway of half the World would be merely the finest, sanest form of National Insurance.

JACK JOHNSON'S BRIDE.

Cinematograph Record of the wedding.

New York, Dec. 4.
Great indignation has been caused at Chicago by the spectacular marriage of Jack Johnson, the notorious negro pugilist, with Lucille Cameron, the nineteen-year-old white girl, whom he was accused of abducting six weeks ago.

The wedding took place at Johnson's public house, and was cinematographed by a moving-picture company.



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The bride was formerly cashier at Johnson's public house, and his fondness for her is said to have resulted in his first wife's suicide. She shot herself on September 12, after telling her two negro servants that she was tired of being a social outcast.

Johnson made arrangements to marry Lucille Cameron a month after his wife's tragic death. When Miss Cameron announced that she loved the negro, and Johnson seemed to him the one thing essential to secure the trade of the East to France.

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UNDER THE NEGRO'S INFLUENCE.

Mrs. Cameron declared that her daughter was completely under the negro's influence. Lucille declined to return home, and Johnson said that he would spend every penny he possessed, if necessary, in order to marry her. Miss Cameron was sent to goal, and examined by mental experts at the request of her mother. The girl was found to be quite sane, and the authorities were forced to release her.

When Johnson drove to his bank to withdraw \$25,000 for the purpose of forestalling bail for Miss Cameron, he was attacked by an angry mob, and narrowly escaped lynching.

After Miss Cameron's release she refused to return home, and rejoined Johnson. He secured a marriage licence, and they were married yesterday evening in the presence of several negro friends of the pugilist.

Johnson's first wife, who accompanied him on his last visit to London, was a member of a prominent New York family. She first married Mr. Clarence Dargatzis, a wealthy racing man.

After being divorced by him she met Johnson and married him several years ago. Her relatives and white friends refused to have anything to do with her, and she complained, before committing suicide, that the negroes also abandoned her.

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DELTA	8000	May 1	MEDINA	10000	June 7	June 13
INDIA	8000	May 15	MOULTAN	10000	Sunday	Saturday
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SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, SOERBEN, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Capt. A. Ahlborn.	(17,300)	THURSDAY, 9th Jan. at 10 a.m.
MANILA, YAP, MARONN, COBLENZ, SAMARANG, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	Capt. L. Klugkist.	(8,100)	SATURDAY, 25th Jan. at 9 a.m.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Capt. L. Klugkist.	(4,750)	TUESDAY, 7th Jan. at 10 a.m.
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RUBI	4,000	J. Miller	Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Zamboanga	Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 4 p.m.
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HAIYANG	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	FRIDAY, 3rd Jan., at Daylight.
HAICHING	Capt. W. C. Pasmore	TUESDAY, 7th Jan., at Daylight.

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Hongkong, April 4, 1912.

Notices to Consignees

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD
BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship PRINZ LUDWIG, having arrived. Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Valuable, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra, hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon and West Point Godown, whose delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be loaded here.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd of January will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 2nd of January, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 9th of January, 1913, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELOHERS & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, December 26, 1912. 1913

NANYO YUSEN KUMI.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP RIJUN MARU.

FROM SWATOW, AMOY AND KEELUNG.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, December 27, 1912. 1913

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship NILE.

The above mentioned steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board 1st after THURSDAY, December 26th, 1912, at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board 2nd after WEDNESDAY, January 1st, 1913, at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

If chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be stored at the shore Company's Godown on MONDAY, December 30th, 1912, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees, and for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before January 25th, 1913, otherwise they will not be recognized.

FRED J. HALTON,
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Hongkong, December 24, 1912. 1913

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